

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Paderu now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CCA) Rules 1991 on the allegations of irregularities/misappropriation of Government Funds took place in execution of work "ZP road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem" and office transactions in PR division, Paderu – Article of charges – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 1171**

**DATED:16.07.2013.**

1. From the GA (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.129 (390/V&E/E1/2008), dt.07.08.2008.
2. Govt. Memo. No. 20612/Vig.II/A2/2008-1, Dt.01.07.2009
3. From the ENC, PR, Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.I (1)/6048/2009, Dt:10.01.2013.
4. Govt. Memo. No. 20612/Vig.II/A2/2008-5, dt.06.05.13
5. From the ENC, PR, Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.I(1)/6048 /2011, dt.06.06.2013.

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**O R D E R:**

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, and Paderu now working as I /c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).

3. Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Paderu now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal is directed to submit a written statement of his defence before the disciplinary authority within Ten (10) days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Paderu now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Paderu now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Paderu now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule. 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To

- 1) Sri M. Sattaiah, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Paderu now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.
- 2) The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad (with a request to serve and return the acknowledged copy and W.S.D.).

Copy to:

- 3) The General Administration (V&E) Department
- 4) The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,  
A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
- 5) SF/SC

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## **ANNEXURE - I**

**Statement showing the Article of Charges against Sri M.Sattaiah, the then EE, PR, Paderu, now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal.**

### **CHARGE:**

that Sri M.Sattaiah, the then EE, PR, Paderu, now working as I/c Superintending Engineer (PR) Warangal, has committed certain irregularities/misappropriation of Government Funds took place in execution of works and office transactions in PR division, Paderu, as he

- 1) did not check measure the earth work levels & Quantity as instructed by Chief Engineer, PR, Hyderabad.

- 2) Did not check measure the work so far though the work is under departmental execution.

- 3) Made payment for deficit and sub-standard quality of GSB layer which is liable for rejection (Rs.8.12 lakhs).

- 4) Allowed gravel to be utilized as blindage in WBM without any approval from the competent authority.

- 5) Embezzlement of Government funds to a tune of Rs.1,70,500/- by preferring payments on fictitious bills towards hired vehicles and computer repairs.

- 6) Not maintained vital records such as acquittance register, cash book etc., in violation of codal rules.

- 7) Procured inferior quality of UPVC pipes for bore wells without conducting the quality tests and without following the procedures in vogue.

### **BASIS:**

The V&E officials have conducted enquiry which consists of two parts i.e. (a) execution of road work ZP Road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem KM 5/8 to KM 20/0 and (b) irregularities in division office transactions and reported that:

1. the recorded measurements of earth work were found to be on higher side than the observed measurements in KM 11 & KM 14, it is established that the earth work quantities were boosted up. The pre-levels/final levels were not check measured by the Executive Engineer and Superintendent Engineer, inspite of specific instructions of the Chief Engineer, (PR) while approving the 3<sup>rd</sup> recast estimate.

2. The item of camber correction was not virtually executed. The measurements for camber correction and GSB were recorded on 07.12.07 (vide P 91 of MB 120/A/PR) and 15.02.08 (vide P 3/142/A/PR) respectively i.e. with a gap of 2 months, but no such separate layers were observed anywhere in the entire stretch.

3. In case of GSB, the executed work did not satisfy the specification as the CBR value is only 8.5% (less than 15%), plasticity index around 25% (>6%) and the densities range from 69% to 88% (KM 11 to KM 12) as against required 98%. Not only this, the thickness in KM 16/0 to KM 19/0 was observed to be deficient by more than 20%. Hence, this stretch shall be rejected. (Value Rs.6.09 lakhs). Similarly the stretch from KM 11/0 to KM 12/0 where densities are less also shall be rejected (Rs.2.03 lakhs). The recovery towards deficiency in KM 19/0 to 20/0 works out Rs.1,14,447/- (recovery calculations annexed as Annexure-AXI)

4. An amount of Rs.2,03,550/- shall be recovered for short thickness and Rs.1,19,602/- for deficit weight in WBM Gr II HBG layer. The field officers have utilized gravel as blindage instead of type 'B' HBG screenings without any approval from the higher authorities. Hence the cost difference between screenings & gravel shall be recovered. (Recovery calculations annexed as Annexure-AXII). The work is entrusted to a section officer whose head quarters is at Athreyapuram, East Godavari District and it is impossible for the section officer to execute work worth Rs.278.50 lakhs departmentally at Paderu located in remote agency area. This has resulted in substandard quality of work.

5) The EE had performed certain journeys in Government vehicle A31-0383 during 9/07 and at the same time the same journeys were noted as performed by using hired vehicle (on the same date). The two hired vehicles were registered as personal cars and at least in one case, the owner happened to be a development officer of New India Assurance and had denied hiring of his vehicle. Hence, the fictitious agency names & duplication of trips etc., prove that an amount of Rs.1,30,000/- was drawn by EE on hired vehicles on fabricated bills.

6) Issuance of bankers cheques to agency outside paderu and the statement of the agency M/S Sri Satya Sai Printers, Vizag that they never under took any computer repairs, indicate that an amount of Rs.40,500/- was drawn towards computers repairs etc., on fabricated & fictitious bills.

7) The EE had violated the procedures by withdrawing amount on self cheque and issuing cheques to Sri B.V.Ramana, a retired employee from Government A/c No 11552394551. Similarly, the EE committed financial irregularities by utilizing the funds earmarked for ITDA works towards office contingency, fuel, stationary, vehicle maintenance (Bank A/c I I I Union Bank of India, Paderu) and had not reimbursed the amounts even after release of funds in March,2008.

8) The UPVC pipes were procured without calling for tenders/quotations and the quality of pipes is observed to be substandard. Further, the pipes which were supposed to be laid by 31.01.08 as per court orders were lying idle in Paderu sub-division even at the time of verification by V&E department in 5/08.

9) No office procedures as per Treasury/Accounts code were followed in the division as,

i) Cash book was not maintained for SBI Account

ii) No acquittance registers were maintained in Division

iii) Duplicate copies of TA bills were not maintained.

6) The EE had claimed about Rs.85,000/- in 11 months as TA bill which is on higher side as his tour diaries indicate most of the trips by Government vehicle/hired vehicle.

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Therefore, Sri M.Sattaiah, EE has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and executed substandard work. Thus his action is in violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

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## **ANNEXURE II**

### **List of documents for which the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained**

Vigilance Report No. 129 (390/V&E/E1/08), Dt.07.08.2008.

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## **ANNEXURE III**

### **List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained.**

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